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METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME,  
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
OPTICALLY ACTIVE ALPHA-HYDROXY  
ACIDS USING THE SAME

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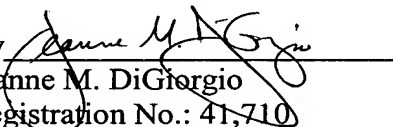
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